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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Purpose Lab Employment: Workforce Development in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Joseph Center located at 204 Hampton Drive, Venice, CA 90291.

This funding would support expansion of job training and career development programs at St. Joseph Center (SJC) that serve people who are experiencing homelessness or those who are at risk of becoming homeless. Purpose Lab includes four (4) critical training programs: (1) Codetalk, a job training program for low income, homeless, and previously homeless women. (2) Fortifi LA, web technology training program for extremely vulnerable populations, such as those recently released from prison and people with long histories of homelessness. (3) Bread & Roses Training Kitchen, prepares low-income adults with histories of homelessness and/or incarceration and unemployment to enter the food service industry as chefs, sous chefs, caterers, and managers of industrial kitchens. (4) KeySkills, an intensive, three-week career coaching course, that provides support for vulnerable adults seeking employment.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress